

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please cancel the entire specification of the subject U.S. patent application, as filed, as constituted by the German language text of PCT/EP2004/051378, including its "BEZUGSZEICHENLISTE" or List of Reference Symbols, in favor of the concurrently submitted Substitute Specification. There is also being filed concurrently with this Second Preliminary Amendment, a verified translation of the German language text of PCT/EP2004/051378. The enclosed Substitute Specification is the result of the entry into the verified translation of a cross-reference to related applications and of suitable section headings; the deletion of the List of Reference Symbols and of references to the claims, the correction of minor errors in phrasing, grammar and punctuation, and a general revision of the verified translation, to place the substitute specification more in a form in accordance with U.S. practice. These various changes do not constitute any new matter. A marked-up copy of the verified translation, which shows the changes made thereto, to arrive at the Substitute Specification, is submitted for the Examiner's review.